



Item: Fast Lane News #08 in 2024 (#208 since 2020) on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 2024, I'm writing from our Office in historic Oldsmar, Florida.

To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!



Subjects: Details, Details, Details; Trip of the Week: Once again . . . Tuscany is filling up. The fun "Bildersuchfahrt" alone is worth the trip – not to mention the wine tastings and cooking class. It's our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PORSCHE Fest; My Final Thoughts: Peter Werner Schutz' humor.

**I. Details, Details, Details:** I had lunch last week at the renowned Bon Appetit Restaurant in Dunedin with a wonderful couple, Gary and Margaret, who have been good friends for years and are joining us on their first Fast Lane PORSCHE trip on the First **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PORSCHE Fest**, September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a great conversation about this amazing 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. A question arose: how exactly is the daily driving conducted? Do we stop anywhere? How do we communicate? Great questions. For those of you who have been on multiple trips, you should probably write this paragraph.

- A. Before we leave for Europe everyone will have received our publication "Driving in Europe is Different." Most participants, hopefully, read it before they get on the flight.
- B. Then, on every trip, before we pick up the cars, we conduct our **PowerPoint Drivers' Safety Briefing**. We go over the European Rules of the Road, the laws, traffic signage, what to do and what **NOT** to do, plus essential information, like what is the "Rettungsgasse?" We also cover emergency procedures – which, thankfully, we have had to use very rarely. What you do when you have a flat tire? We also train you on the use of the walkie talkies. They are construction grade and have a range of about a football field.



- C. We then place everyone into groups of six or seven driving teams with colorful names like the Eagles or the Yodel Bears.
- D. Once we head out to the first day's destination we make multiple pre-planned stops or also stops upon request. I've been quoted that "My life revolves around three things on each trip: Parking, Peeing and Dining in that order.
- E. On each trip we appoint a wing team, which is the last car in a group of 6 or 7 cars. The wing team is usually an experienced Alumni. So when, let's say, three cars are stuck at a red light, then the wing angel will let the lead driver know, so that the team can wait up ahead for everyone to catch up.
- F. So for example, when we leave Stuttgart, we are driving south on the B27 towards Stuttgart's Degerloch Airport (STR). There we merge into Autobahn A-8 direction **München**. In about 6 kilometers (kms) we are past the airport and the first **no-speed limit section of the Autobahn** – usually an exhilarating experience for everyone.

- G. Then in about 20 minutes we make our first “pit-stop” at one of the Autobahn rest stops. There you’ll need a **1 €uro coin** for the restroom turnstile.
- H. Each Drive Guide (here is Gerald with the coin purses) has a coin purse and as the team enters the rest stop they take a Euro for the restroom turnstile (on the right). We make as many stops as necessary. We are very mindful of everyone’s nature requirements.
- I. When we get to our lunch destination, where we have reserved parking, we enter the building, like the chalet in the Bavarian Alps, and one of the staff members stands by the entrance and directs everyone to the correct Men’s and Ladies’ facilities.

In summary, after doing this for fifty years and hundreds of trips we are very mindful of everyone’s comfort , convenience and enjoyment.





**II. Werks Reunion Amelia Island – The Amelia River Club, Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Our Fast Lane Travel team, once again, will participate in this exciting event. If you are in the area, please come out and see us and say hello at our **Fast Lane Travel booth**. Look for the beautiful Condor Yellow 1964 356 C!

The Porsche Club of America (PCA) welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts to the eighth annual Werks Reunion Amelia Island on March 1, 2024, the Friday preceding the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Join us at the Amelia River Club to see a breathtaking array of Porsches, from rare to current models, and everything in between!

You are not required to be a PCA member to participate in this celebration of Porsche automobiles. This is a free event so no tickets are needed. Come out and join us in adoring PORSCHE!

The Porsche Club of America created Werks Reunion as an event to celebrate both the Porsche marque as well as the camaraderie of being an enthusiast. This is not a contest of who has removed dust from the deepest crevices in their Porsche but rather a judged show that rewards a Porsche that has been lovingly maintained and presents itself well on the field. This is a casual gathering of Porsche enthusiasts focused on having fun rather than solely competition. See you there at our booth. We will offer special deals if you sign up for a trip on location. We will also bring some surprise raffle gifts.



**III. Trip of the Week – Please register ASAP – TUSCANY is filling up during THE very best time of the year: From Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

This is our 15<sup>th</sup> wonderful trip to Tuscany. Since 2010 we have put this lovely estate: Casali di Bibbiano on the map. On this year's trip, as

always, we start out in Stuttgart where we pick up our Porsches.

Traveling on our Porsche Fest to Tuscany is an **unforgettable experience**.

The enchanting villages are sure to capture your heart and you will enjoy simple, yet elegant meals and of course . . . fine wines.

The excursions will take your breath away and you will experience exceptional destinations. One of our favorites is the medieval wine capital dating back to Roman times, Montepulciano, where we have the “**unheard of**” privilege of being allowed to park our Porsches on the **Piazza Grande** with a **police escort**.



Our special fun **photo rally** will take you to places and see sights you might not find on your own. We love to share the beauty of this part of the world with you and you will even receive “valuable” prizes at our “Rally Dinner”!

Please join us on this truly fascinating tour for the most memorable trip of a lifetime.

You’ll also enjoy a **Tuscan cooking class** and **estate wine tasting**. \*If you are in the mood, you can participate in the **wine harvest**, or at least pose for a photo opportunity. Furthermore, for you golfers, right across the valley below the hills of Montalcino is the renowned **Ferragamo Golf Course**, where we



can arrange a round for you on this world-famous course. You'll be amazed by the parking privileges Vincenzo has organized for us in this most beautiful place on earth.

**IV. My Final Thoughts: Peter Werner Schutz** was the dynamic President and CEO of Porsche from 1981 to 1987. He led the company to new sales levels, especially in the US; he is also credited with saving the 911 in the 944 and 928 era; and re-defined the success of the Company by re-entering key races like **Le Mans**. You may recall the legendary **1983** post-race Le Mans Poster used in all the ads that year:

**Nobody's  
perfect.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Porsche**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Porsche**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Porsche**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Porsche**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Porsche**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Porsche**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Porsche**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Porsche**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sauber BMW**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Porsche**

Peter also attended every PCA TREFFEN dinner where he always started his presentation with a joke. One of his favorites was his comparison of the imaginary European Heaven and Hell:

**European Heaven is where the:**

<b>French are the</b>	<b>Cooks</b>
<b>Italians are the</b>	<b>Lovers</b>
<b>The Swiss</b>	<b>Run the trains</b>
<b>The British are the</b>	<b>Police</b>
<b>Germans are the</b>	<b>Mechanics</b>

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French are the	Mechanics
Italians	Run the trains
Swiss are the	Lovers
British are the	Cooks
Germans are the	Police

We miss you very much Peter . . . rest in peace.

Please take care of yourself and stay young; be happy and remember those who love you... Let's look forward to the great times we will have together again on one of our fabulous PORSCHE Tours this year. **I will be there with you, and I can't wait to see you. Yours truly, Peter**

